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REF: (A) MCCARTHY/CASEY TELECON 6/29/78; (B) STATE 164012; (C) STATE 162961; (D) STATE 161522

1. PER REFS A-D, MISSION OFFICERS ADVISED COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN DG VI (FALKENBERG) AND DG I (KRENZLER) THAT ON JUNE 28 TREASURY HAD ANNOUNCED A PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE FINDING OF PAYMENT OF A SUBSIDY ON ABOUT 50,000 TONS OF EC SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WE EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN THAT SUCH EXPORTS NOT ONLY UNDERMINED THE U.S. DOMESTIC SUGAR PROGRAM BUT ALSO THE OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, TREASURY WOULD CONDUCT AN
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EXPEDITED INVESTIGATION. WE ADVISED COMMISSION THAT THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE INVESTIGATION WAS JULY 17, 1978.

2. FALKENBERG SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT U.S. ACTION WAS IMMINENT IN THIS AREA BY THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICE. HE SAID THAT THE EXPORT TENDER SYSTEM

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FOR SUGAR OPERATED BY THE EC MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL THE DESTINATION OF EXPORTS. HE ALSO SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET ACCURATE PRICE DATA FROM THE TRADE AND ASKED ABOUT THE PRICE LEVELS OF SUGAR EXPORTED TO THE U.S. ALSO, HE ASKED WHETHER THE SUGAR CAME FROM EUROPE OR THE FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. WE TOLD HIM WE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BUT WOULD ASK WASHINGTON. RE THE EC EXPORT TENDER SYSTEM, WE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE GRAINS SECTOR THE EC SOMETIMES RESTRICTED THE TENDER TO SPECIFIC ZONES OF DESTINATION. FALKENBERG SEEMED UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS PRACTICE AND SEEMED TO FEEL IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DO IN THE CASE OF SUGAR. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO IN THIS AREA. KRENZLER, WHO WAS ALREADY AWARE OF AFFIRMATIVE FINDING THROUGH EC DEL WASHINGTON, MADE SAME REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON EC COUNTRIES AND FIRMS INVOLVED IN EXPORTS TO U.S. HINTON

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